



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

November 21, 2013

Mignon L. Clyburn
Commissioner

The Honorable Ron Kind
U.S. House of Representatives
1406 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kind:

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The Honorable Ann McLane Kuster
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The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
U.S. House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mike McIntyre
U.S. House of Representatives
2428 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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